NORSE SONATA

Night had fallen on a day of deeds.
The great rafters in the red-ribbed hall
Flashed crimson in the fitful flame
Of smouldering logs.
And from the stealthy shadows
That crept 'round Harald's throne,
Rang out a Skald's strong voice,
With tales of battles won;
Of Gudrun's love
And Sigurd, Siegmund's son.

I.

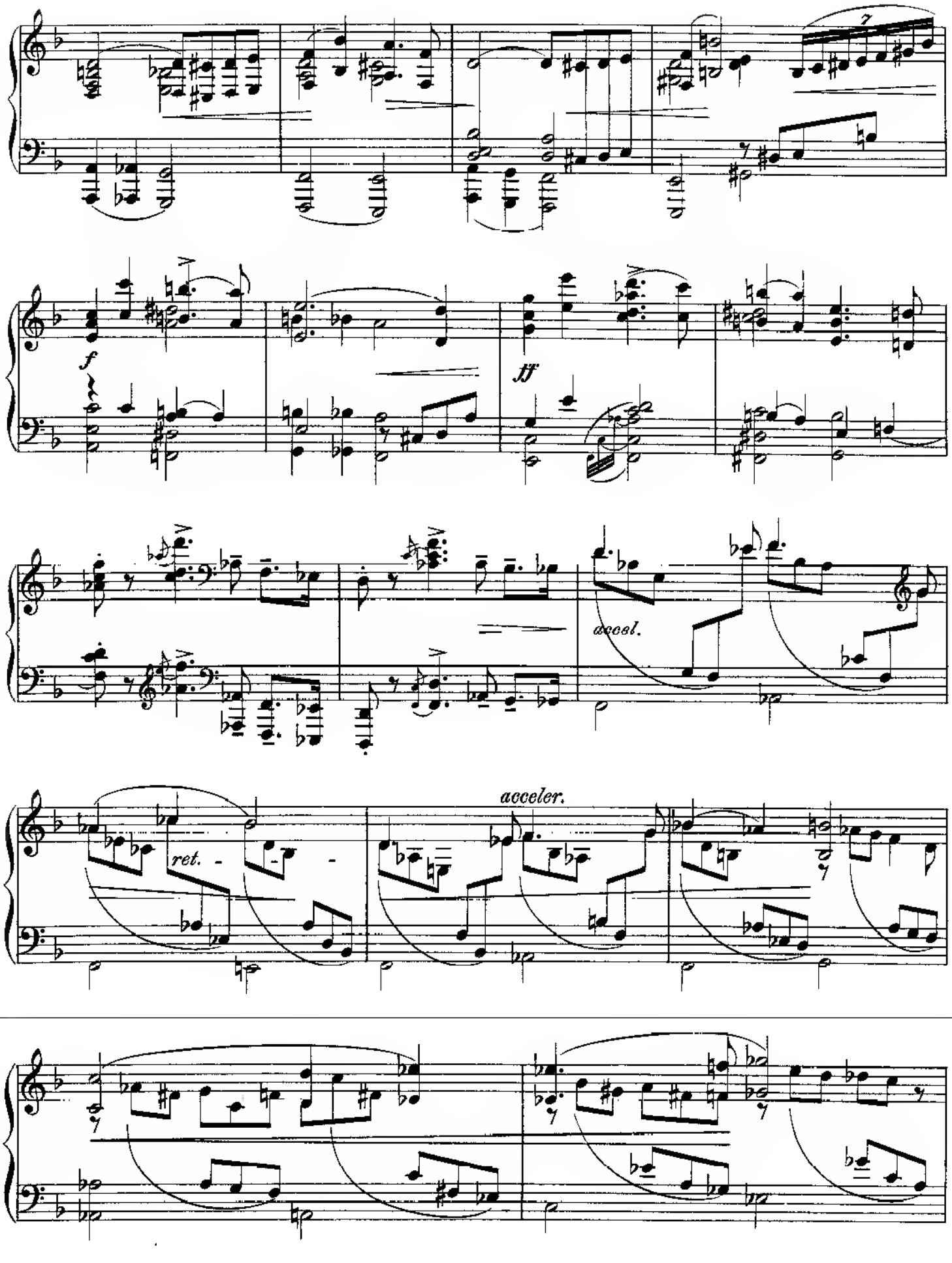
Impressively; at times with impetuous vigor.
Mesto, ma con passione
♩= *about* / *circa* 46.

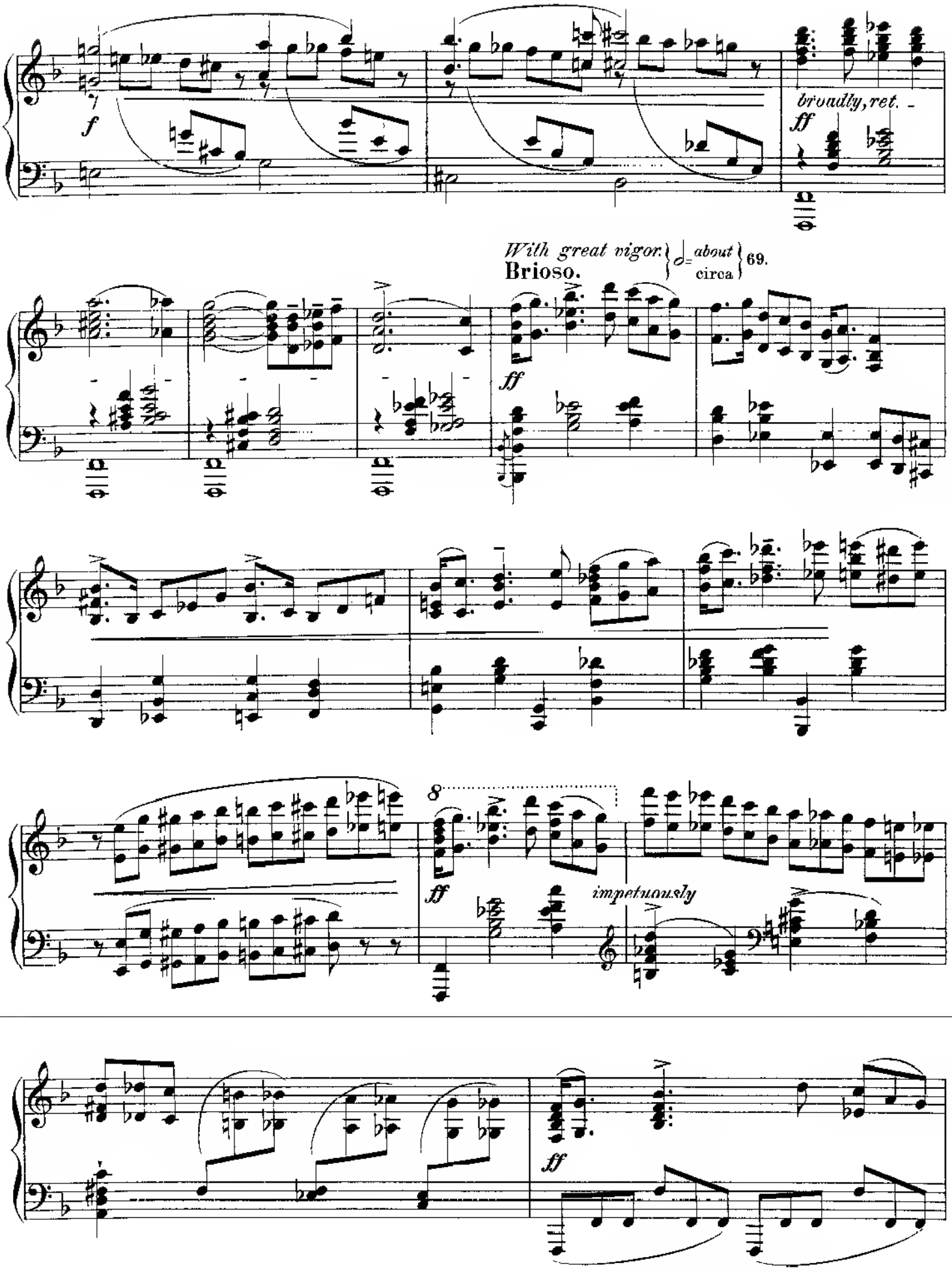
ppp vague, with somber coloring

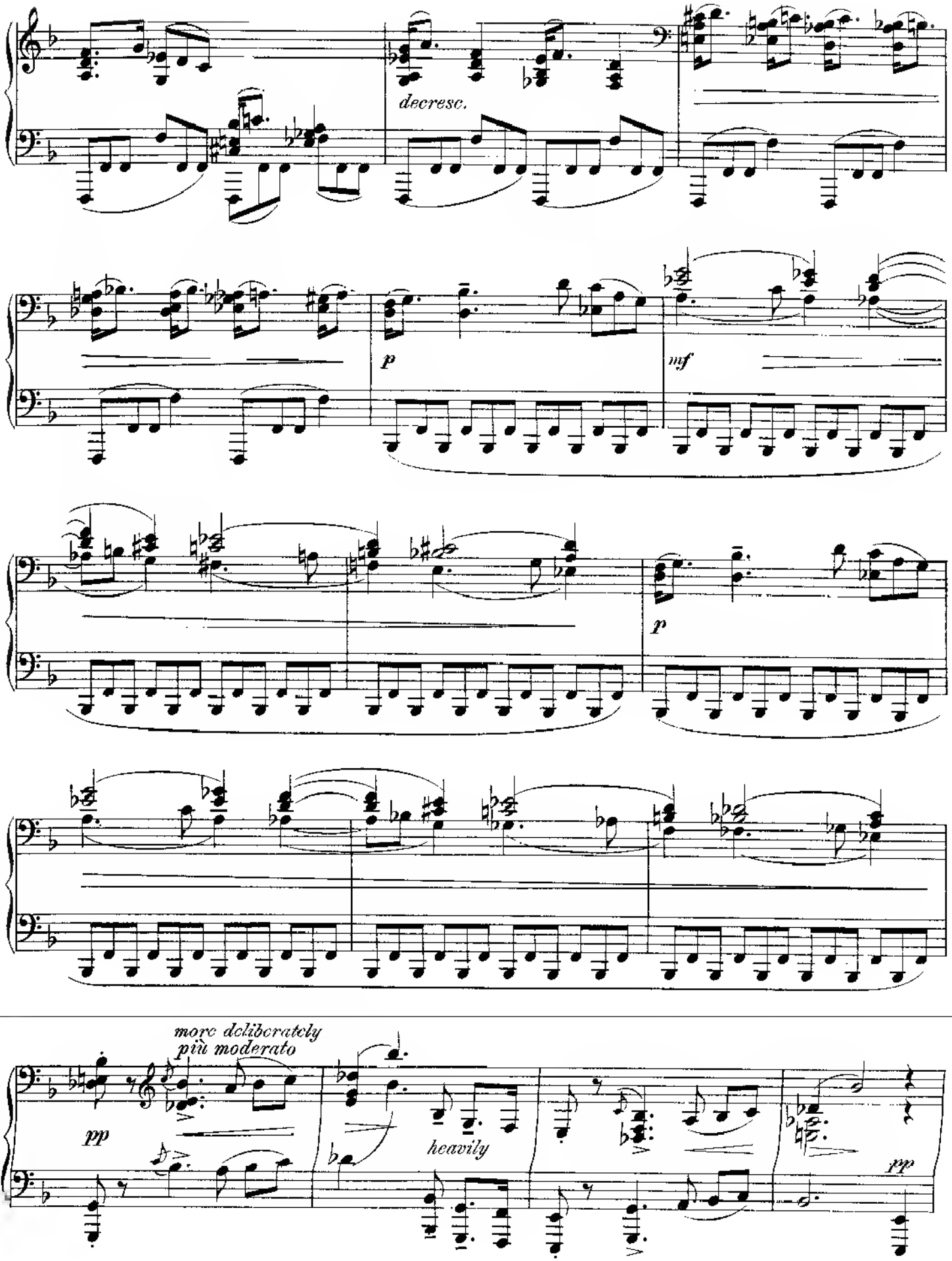
softer and softer

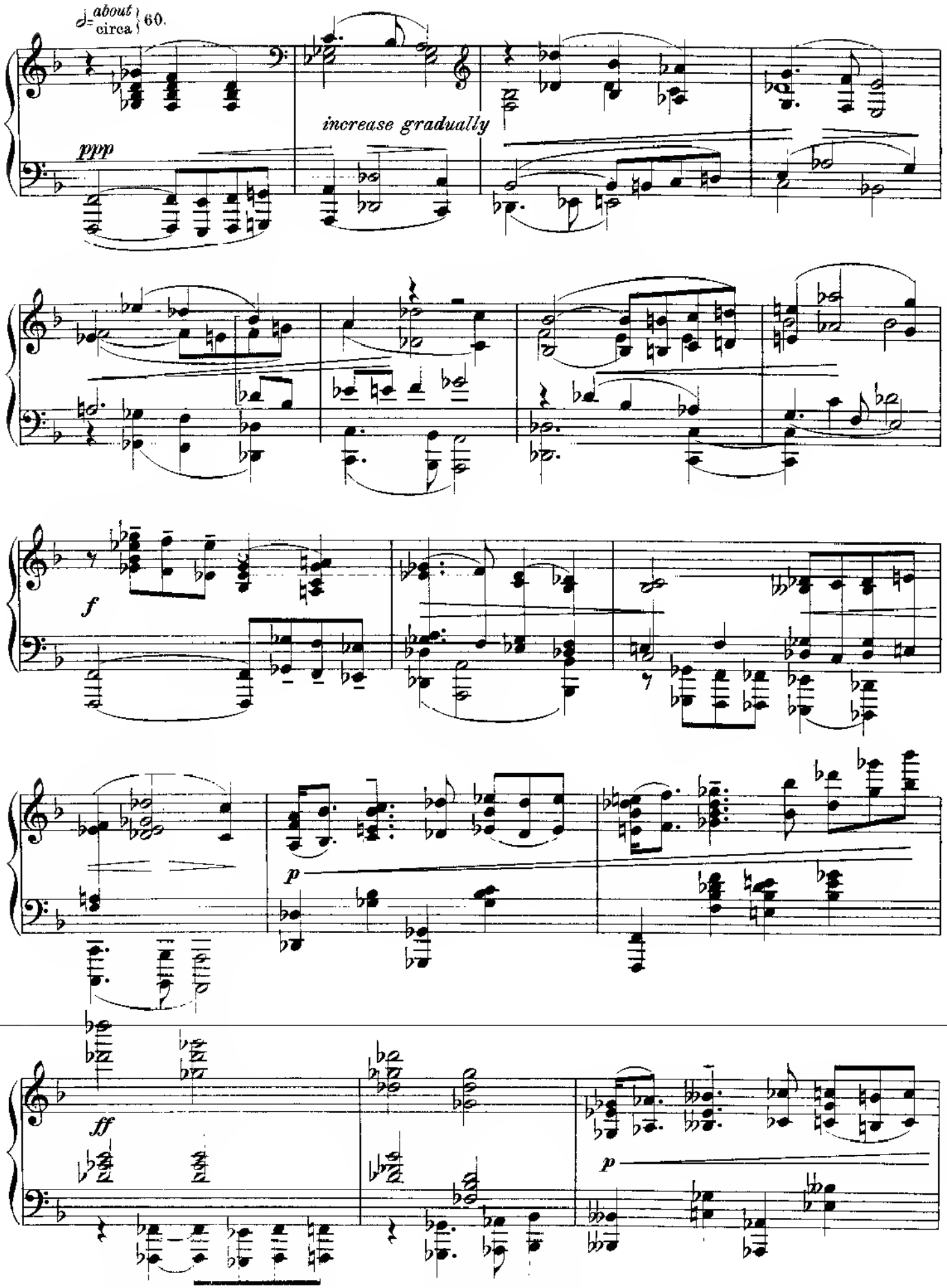
the melody with dignity and well declaimed

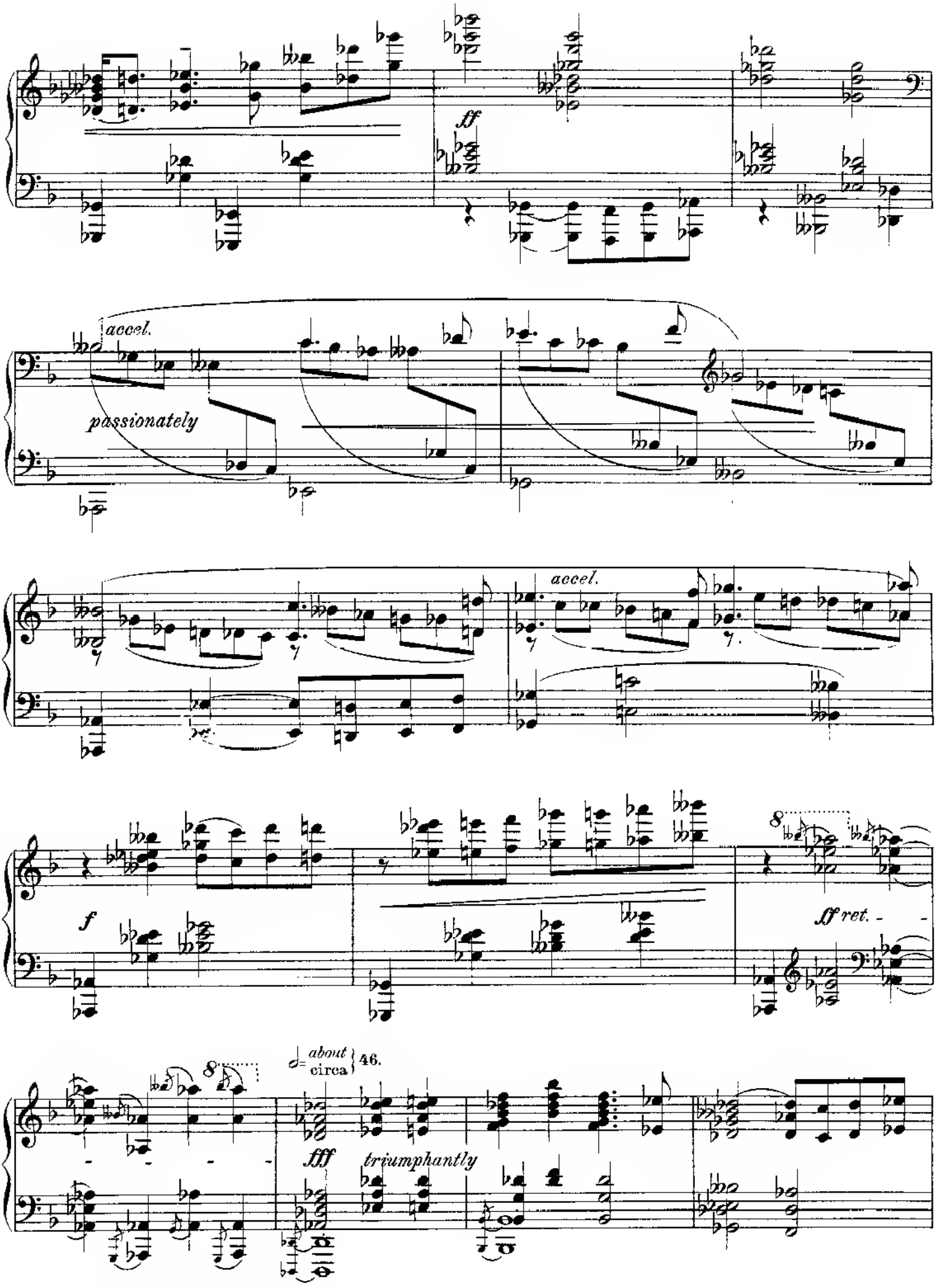
marked

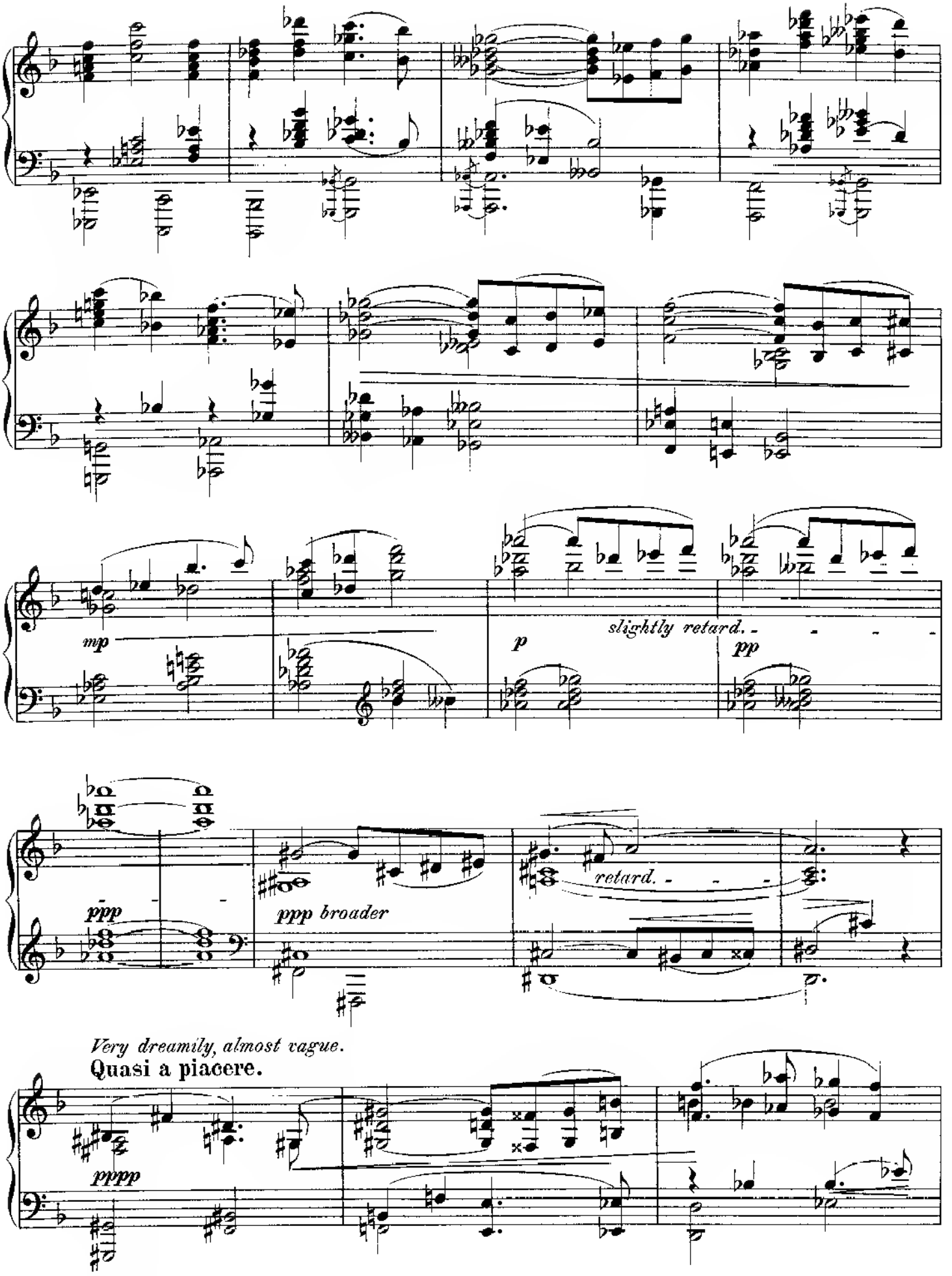

7
f
ff
accel.
acceler.
ret.

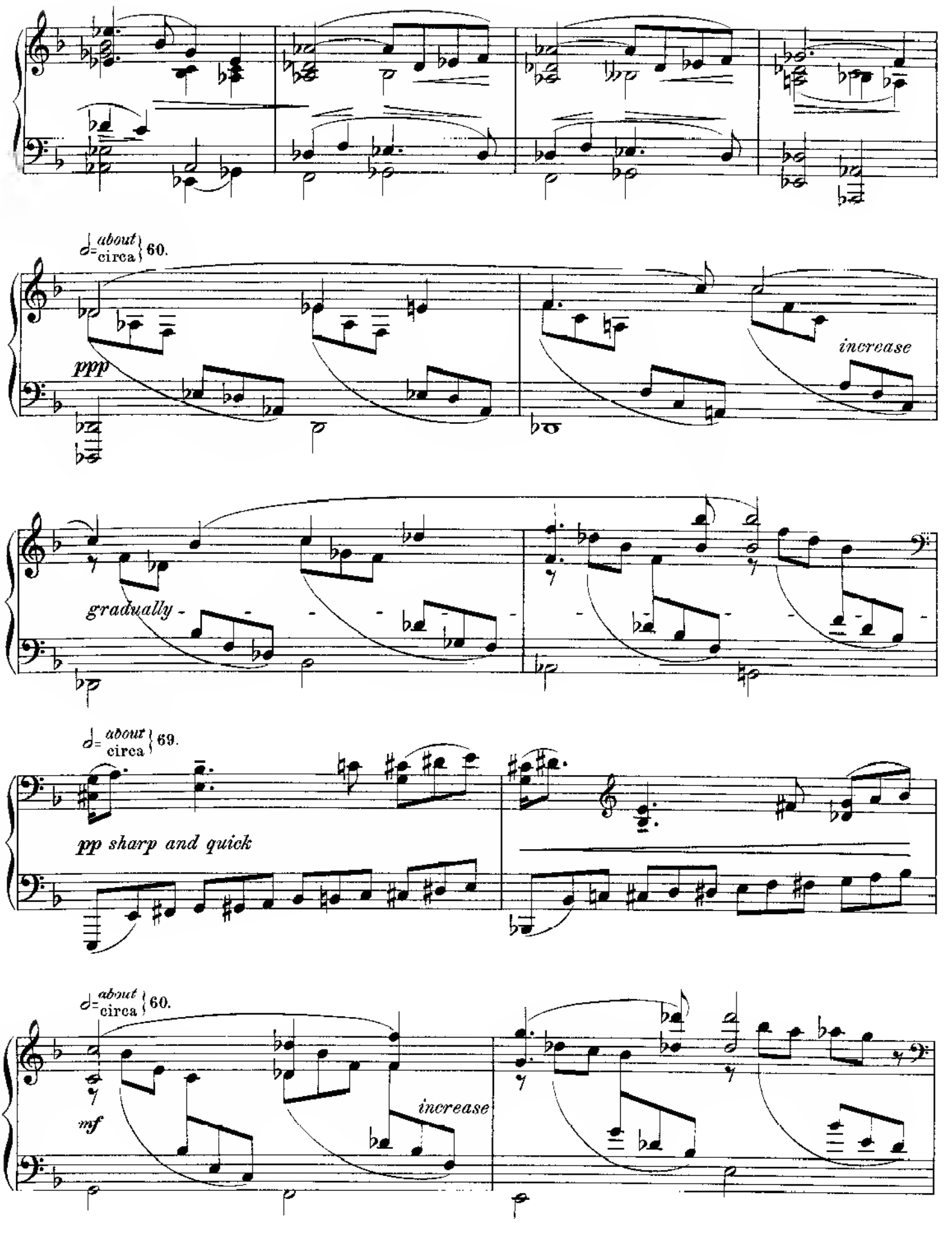

f
broadly, ret.
ff
With great vigor.
Brioso.
𝅗𝅥 = about circa 69.
ff
8
ff
impetuously
ff

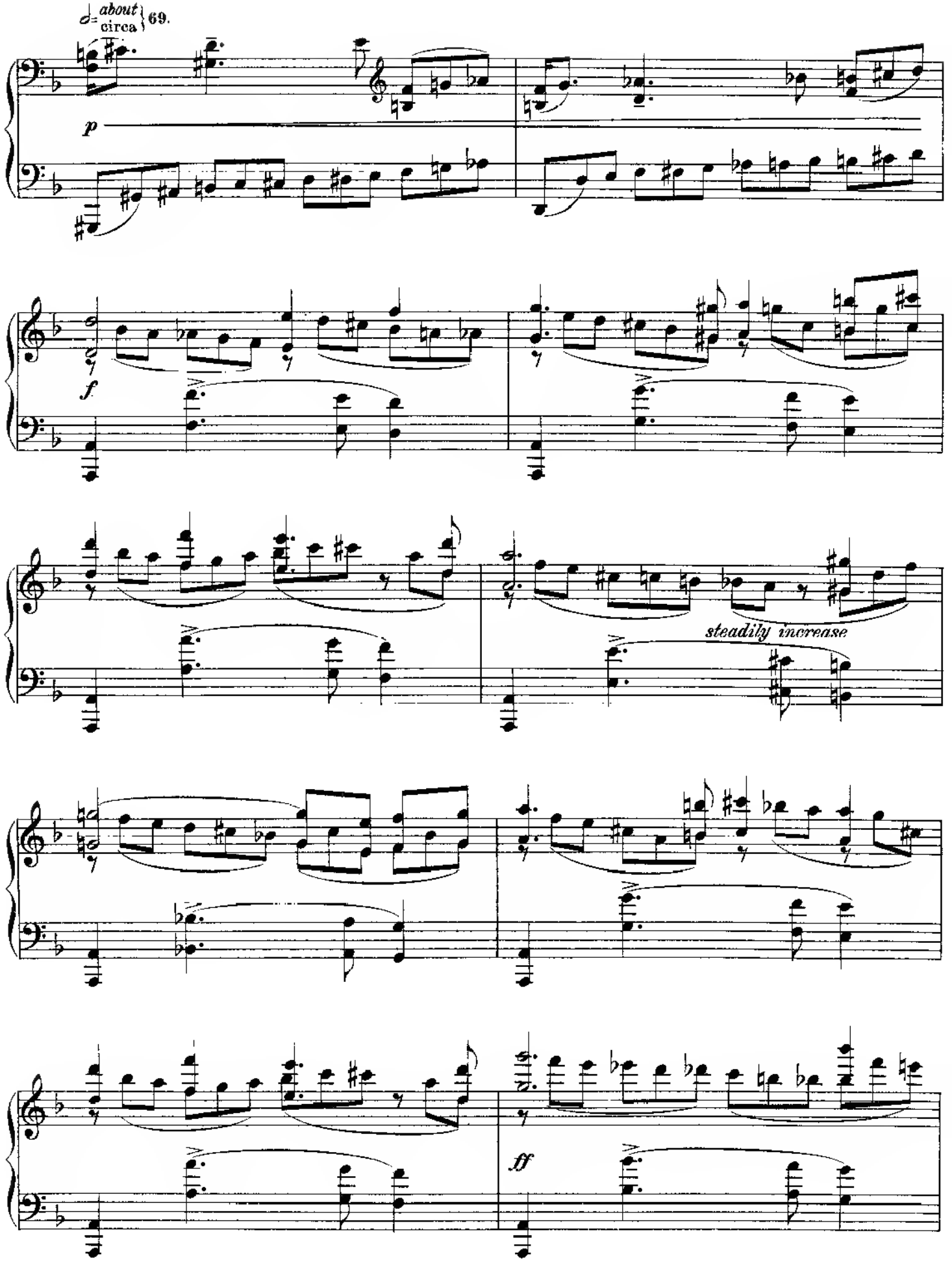

decresc.
p
mf
p
more deliberately
più moderato
pp
heavily
pp

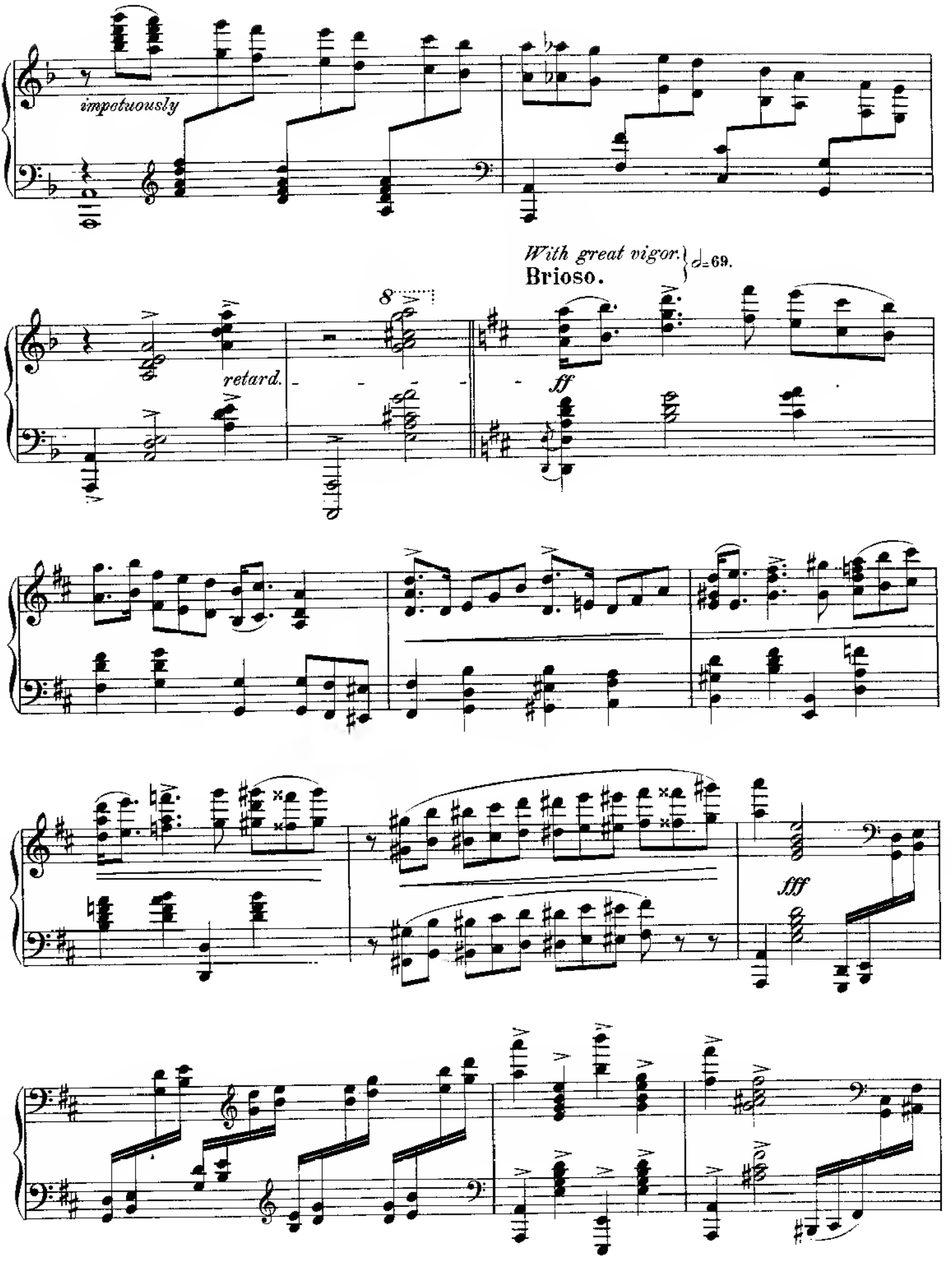

♩= about circa 60.
increase gradually
ppp
f
p
ff
p

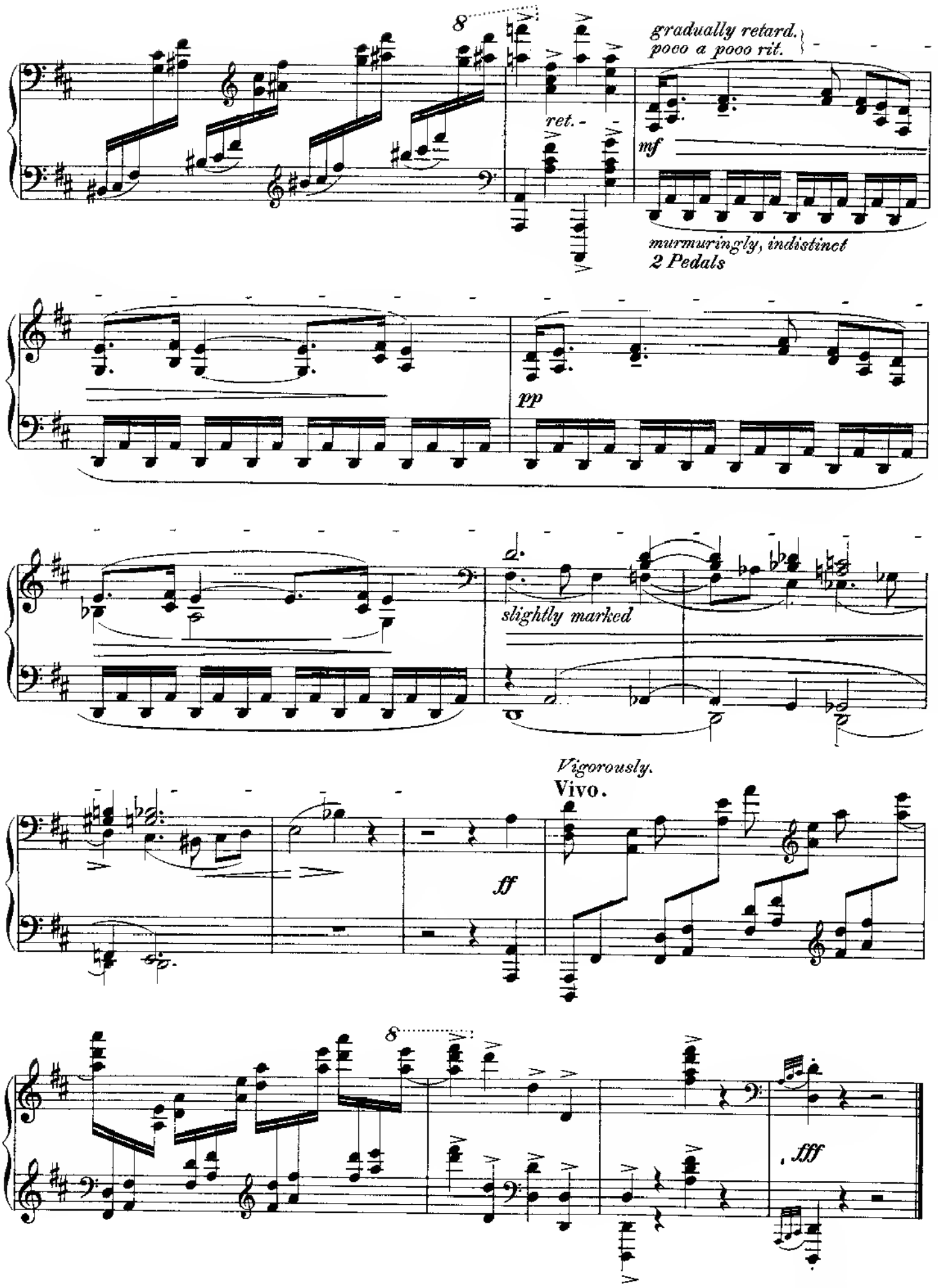

ff
accel.
passionately
accel.
f
8
ff ret.
8
d= about circa 46.
fff
triumphantly


mp
p
slightly retard.
pp
ppp
ppp broader
retard.
Very dreamily, almost vague.
Quasi a piacere.
pppp


♩= about / circa 60.
ppp
increase
gradually
♩= about / circa 69.
pp sharp and quick
♩= about / circa 60.
mf
increase

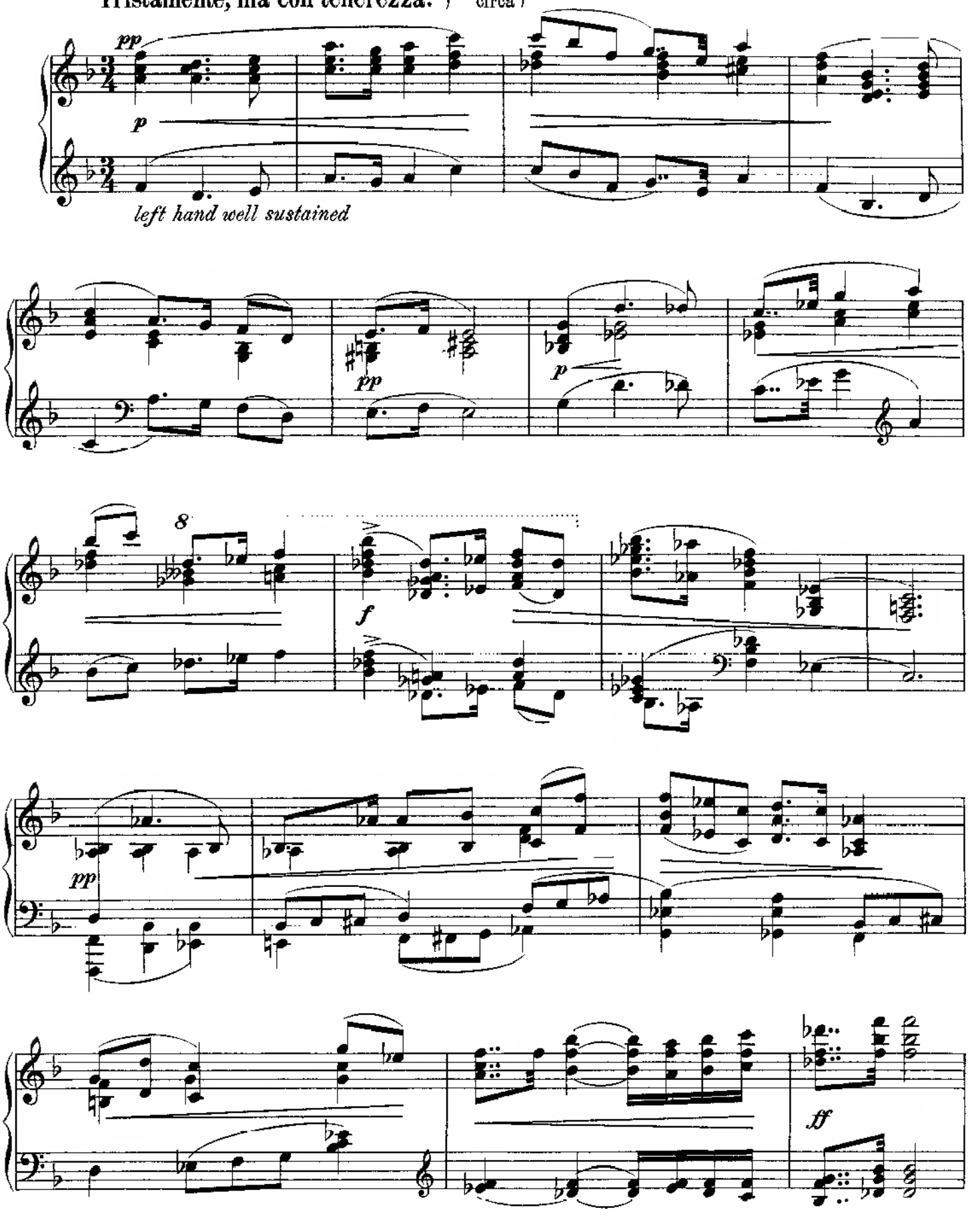

about
circa
69.
p
f
steadily increase
ff

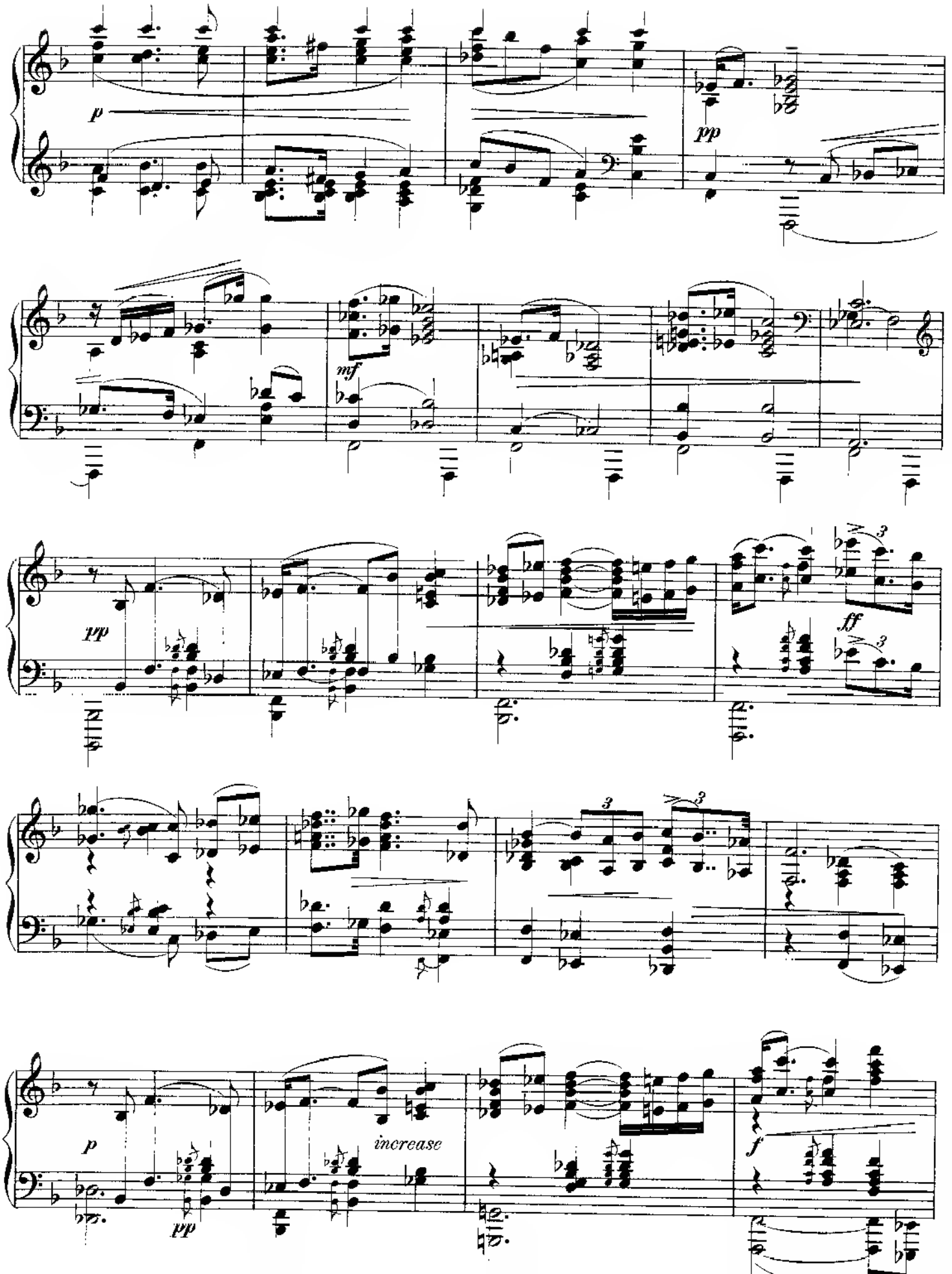

impetuously
With great vigor.
Brioso.
♩=69.
retard.
ff
fff

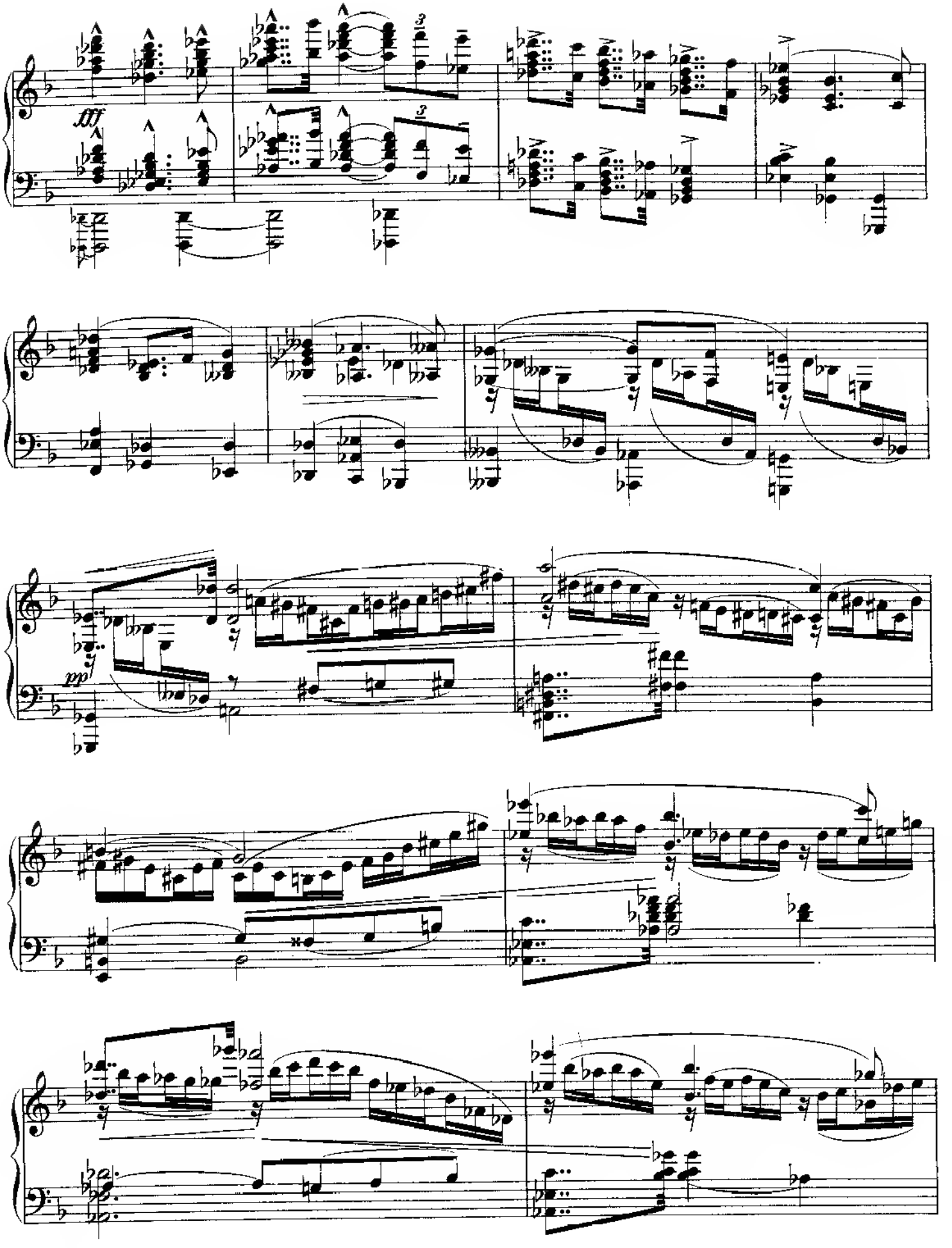

8
gradually retard.
pooo a pooo rit.
ret.
mf
murmuringly, indistinct
2 Pedals
pp
slightly marked
Vigorously.
Vivo.
ff
8
fff

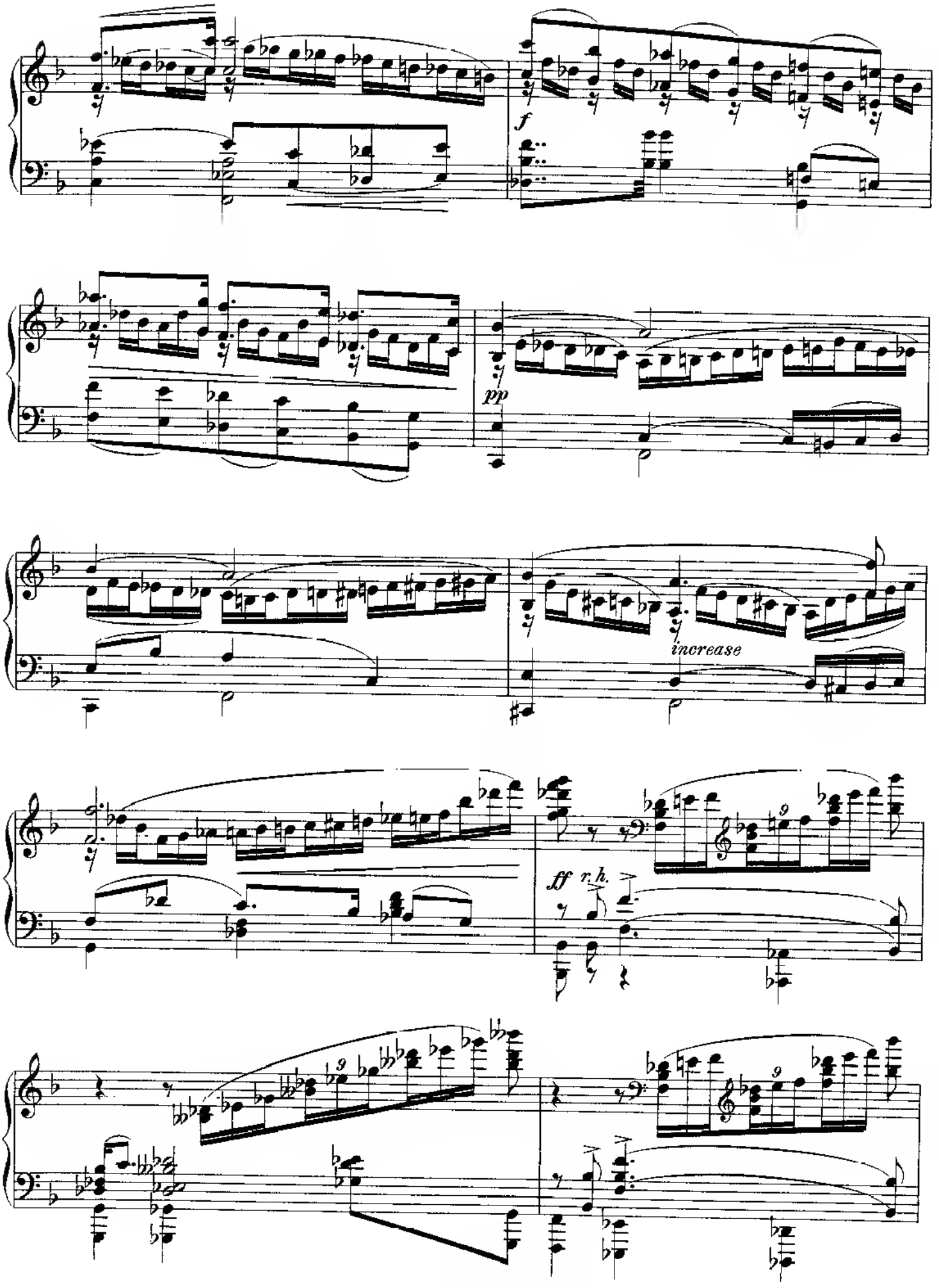
II.

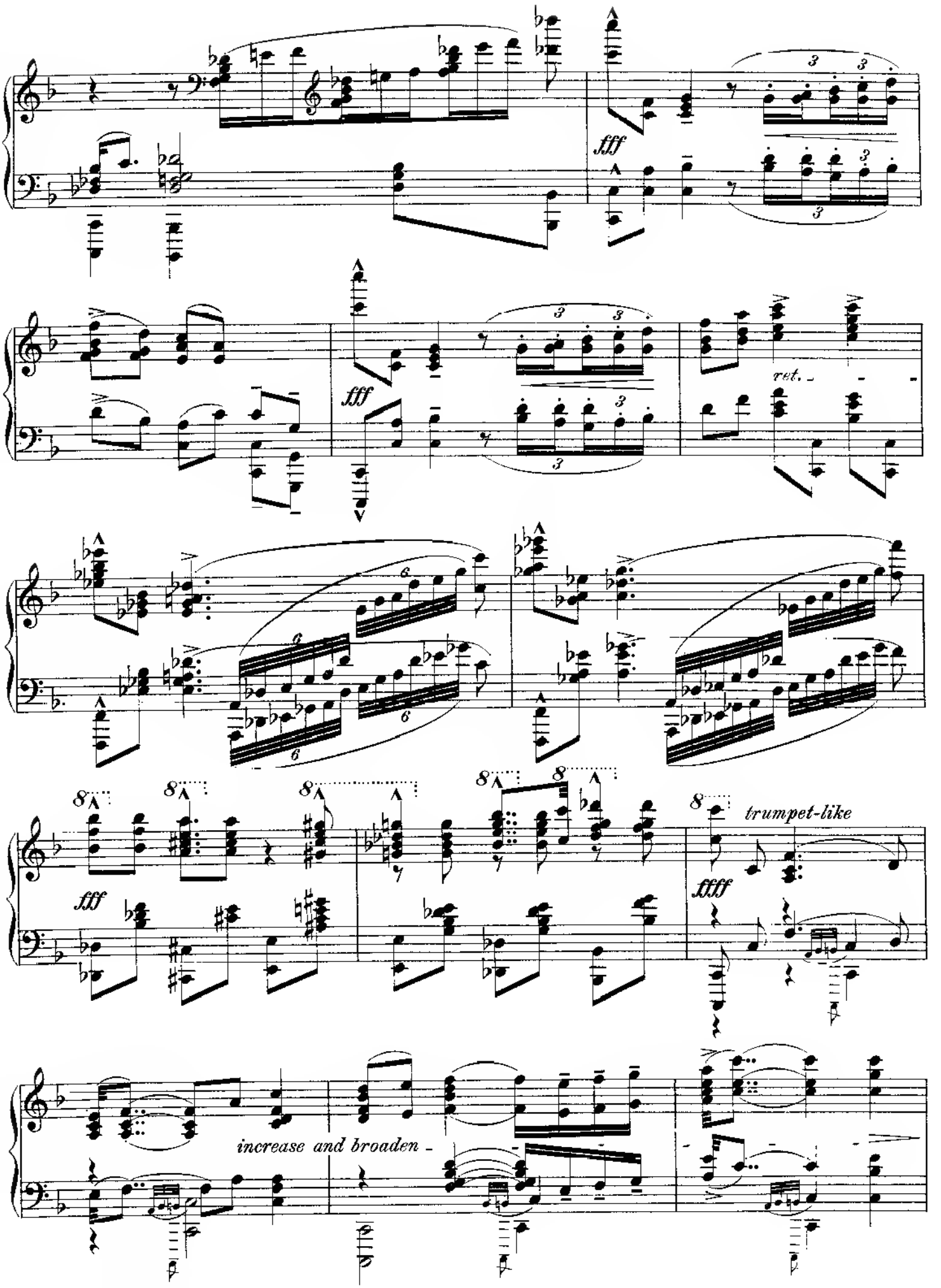
Mournfully, yet with great tenderness.
Tristamente, ma con tenerezza.
♩ = *about* circa 50.

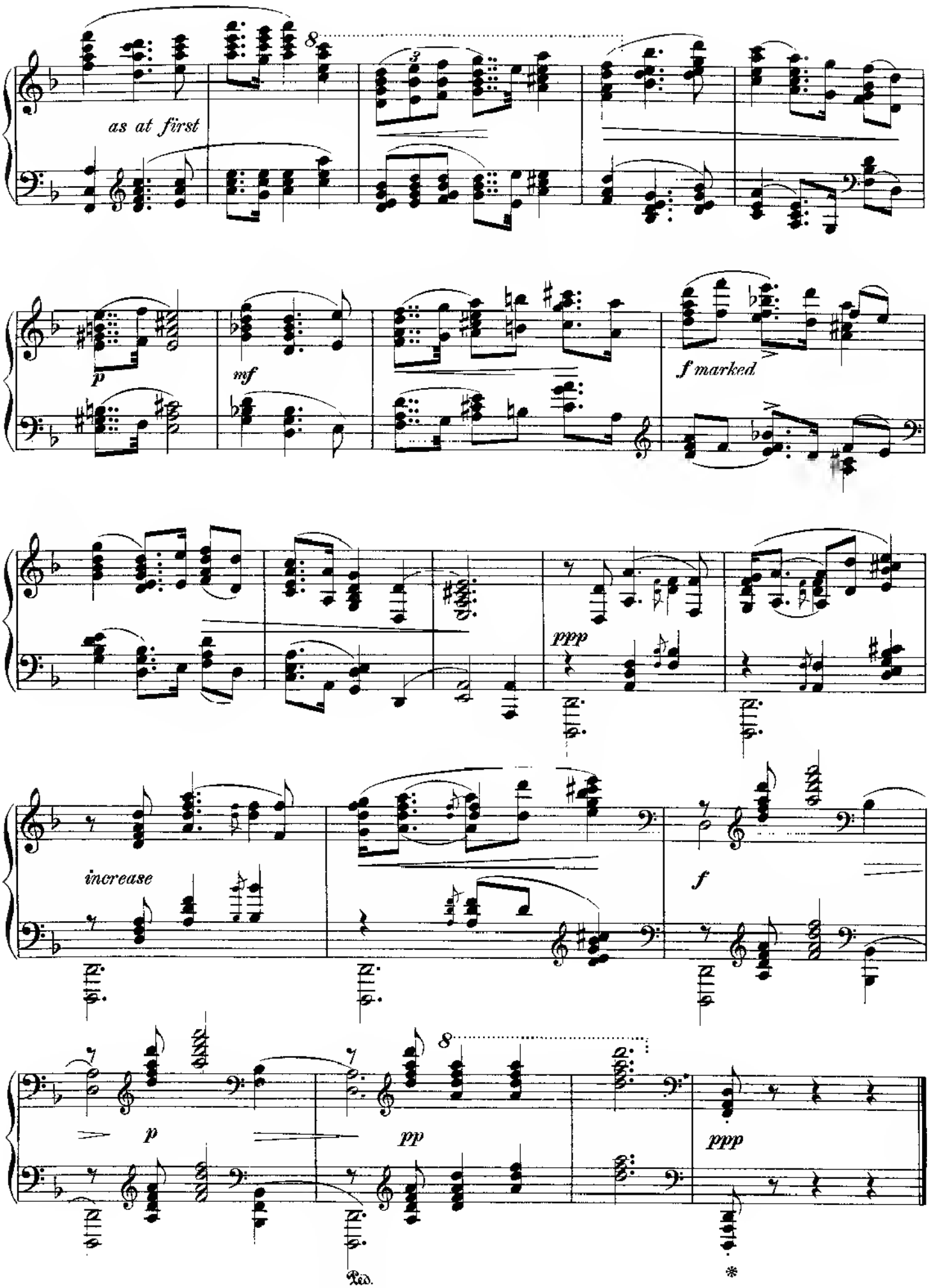



p
pp
mf
pp
ff
p
increase
pp
f



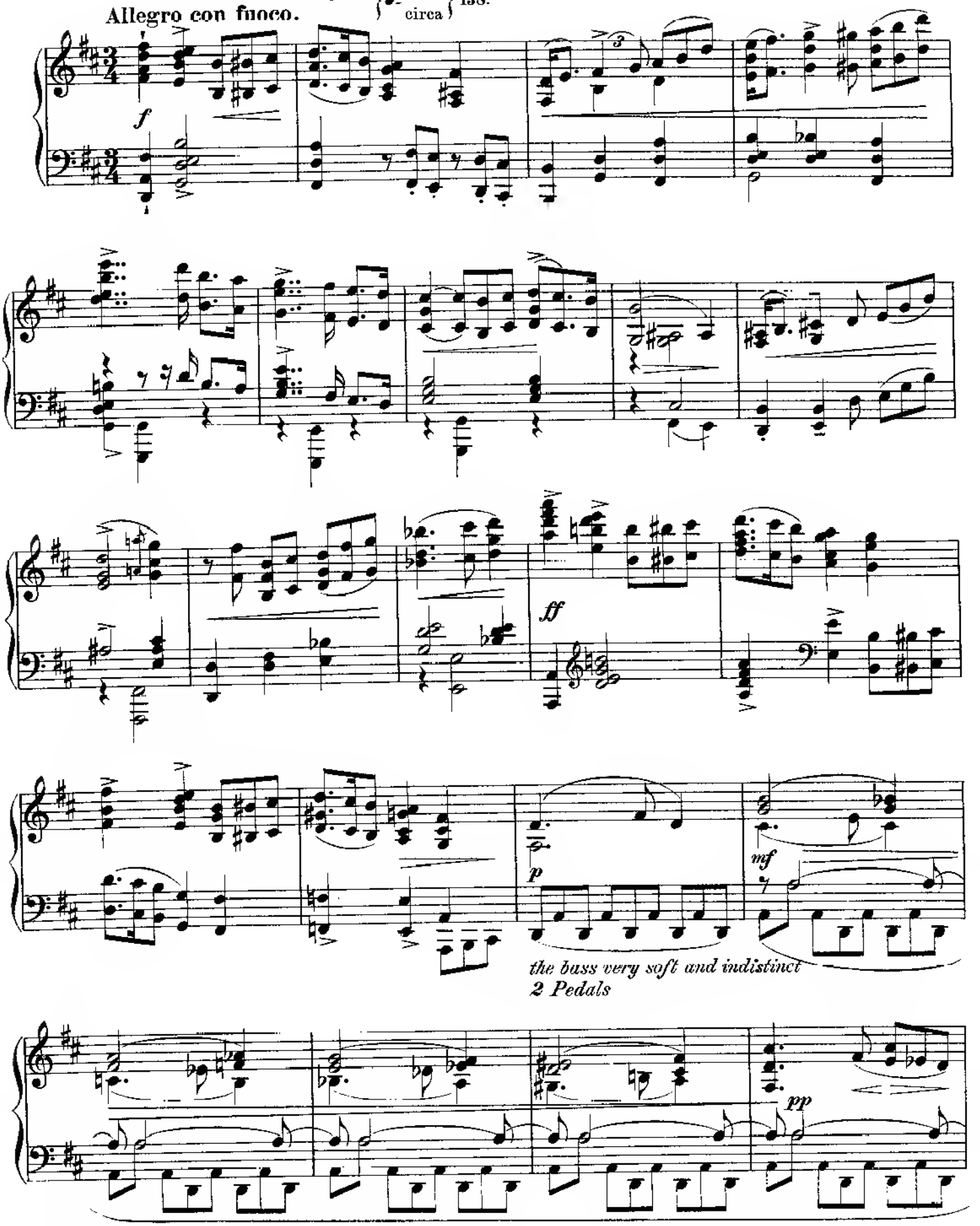

f
pp
increase
ff
r.h.

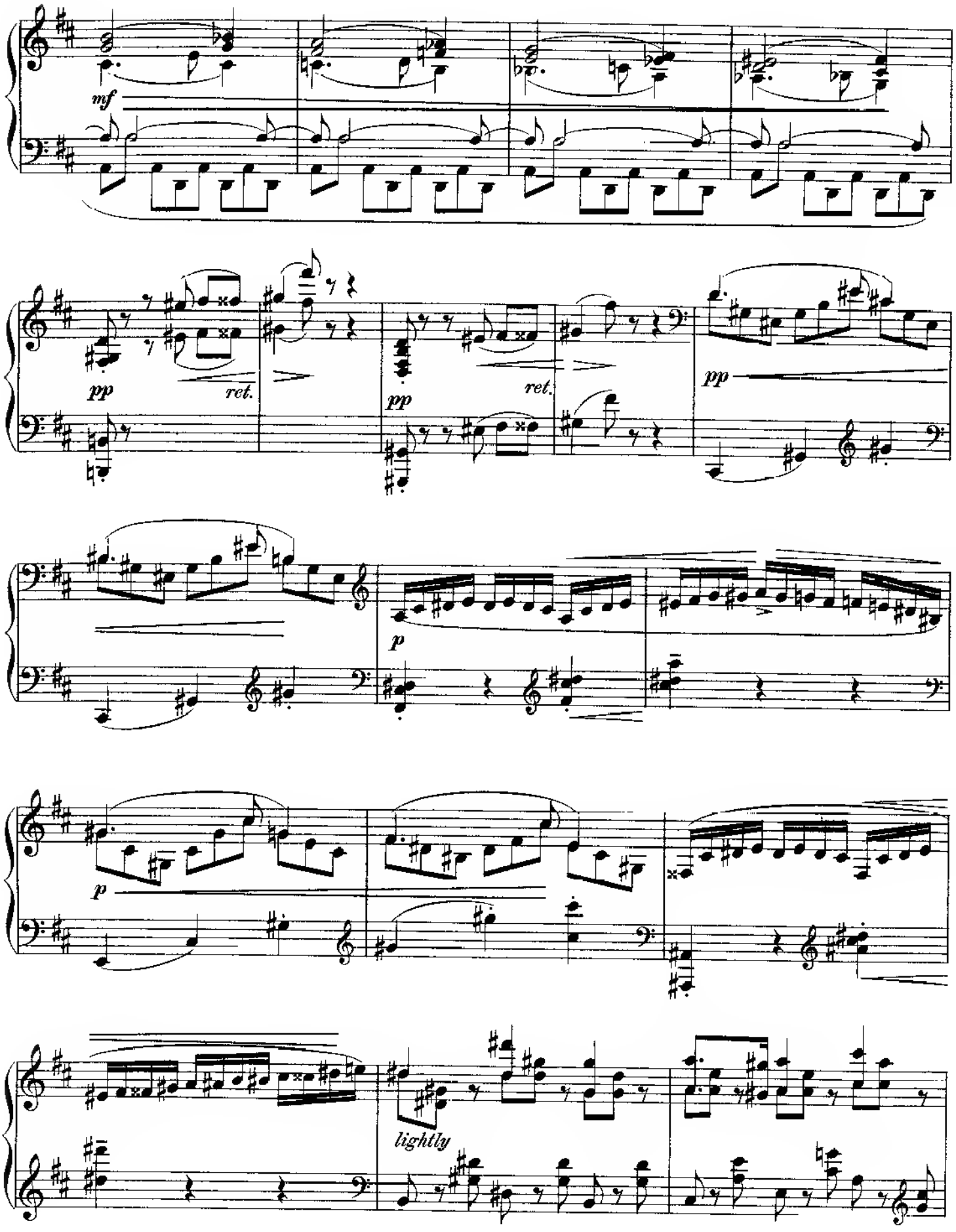

fff
fff
ret.
fff
trumpet-like
ffff
increase and broaden

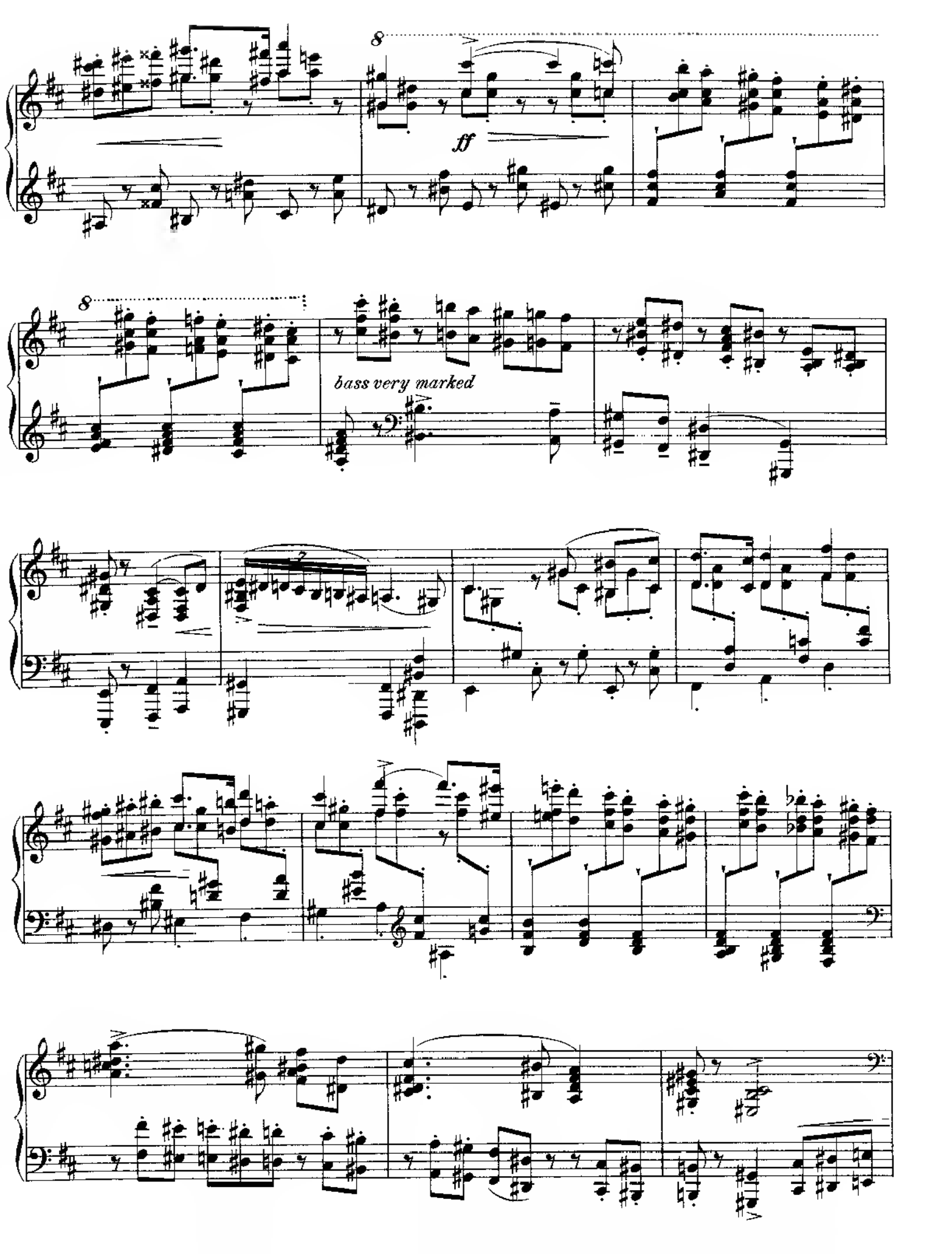

as at first
p
mf
f marked
ppp
increase
f
p
pp
ppp
Ped.
*

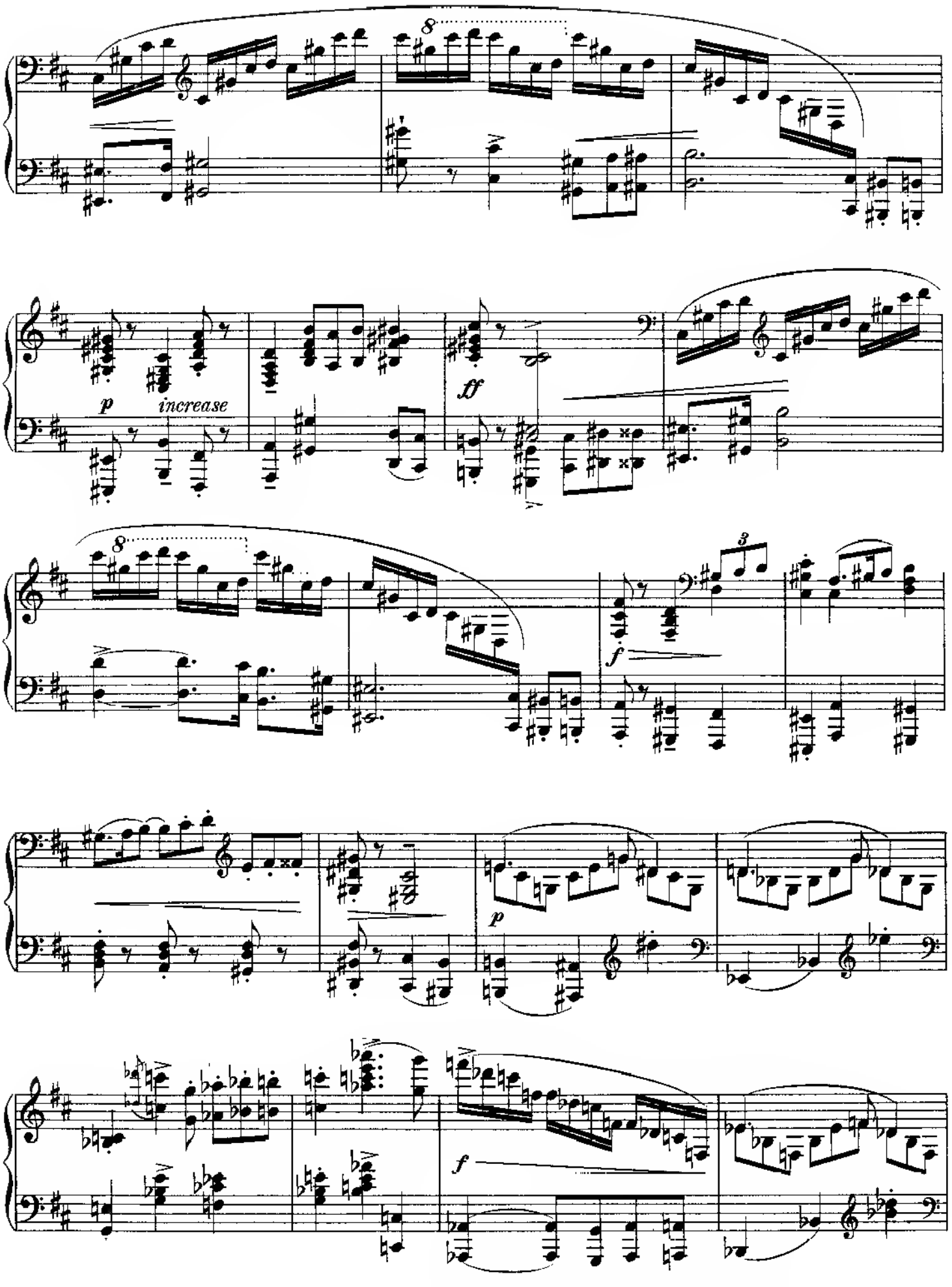
III.

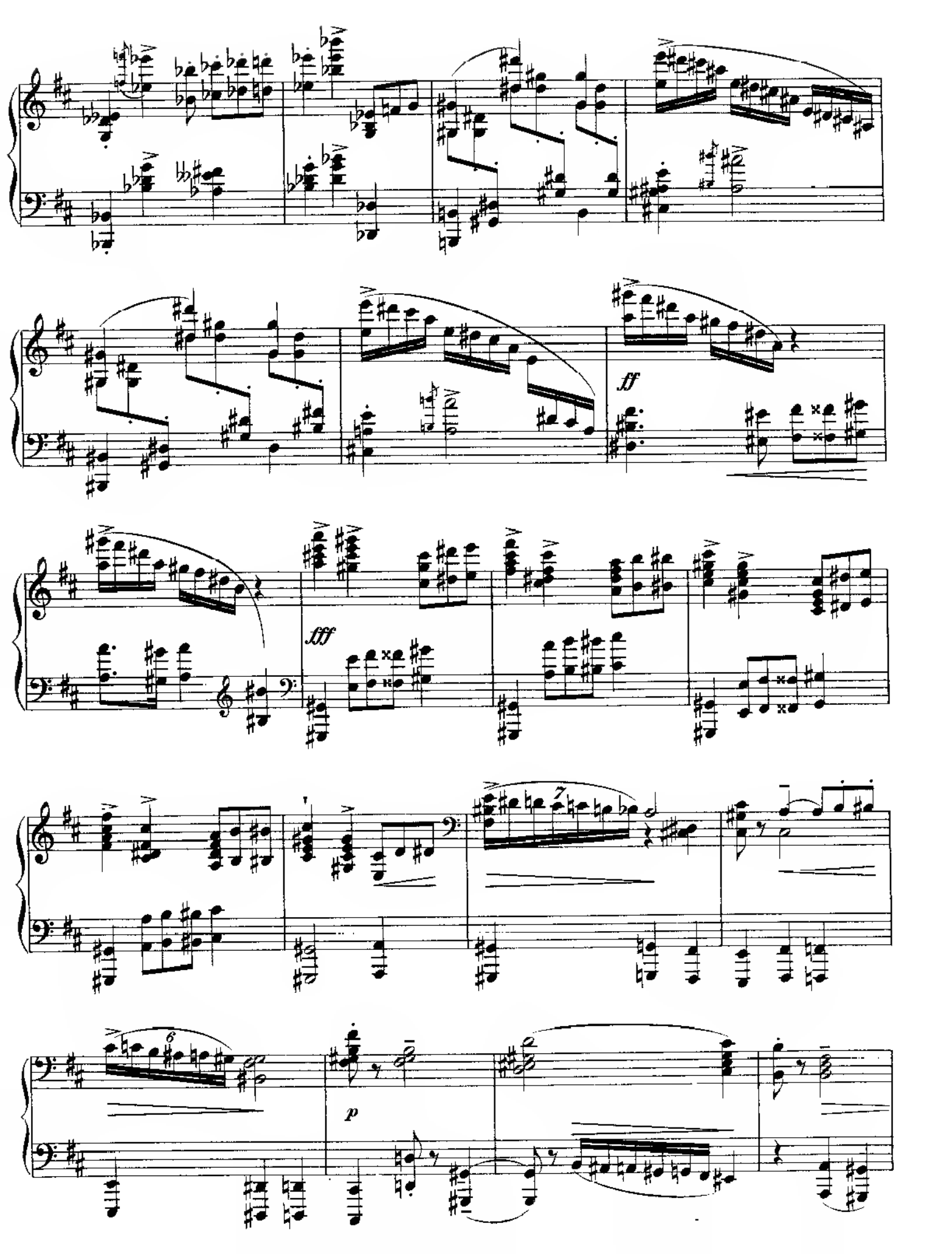
With much character and fire.
Allegro con fuoco.
♩= *about* circa 138.

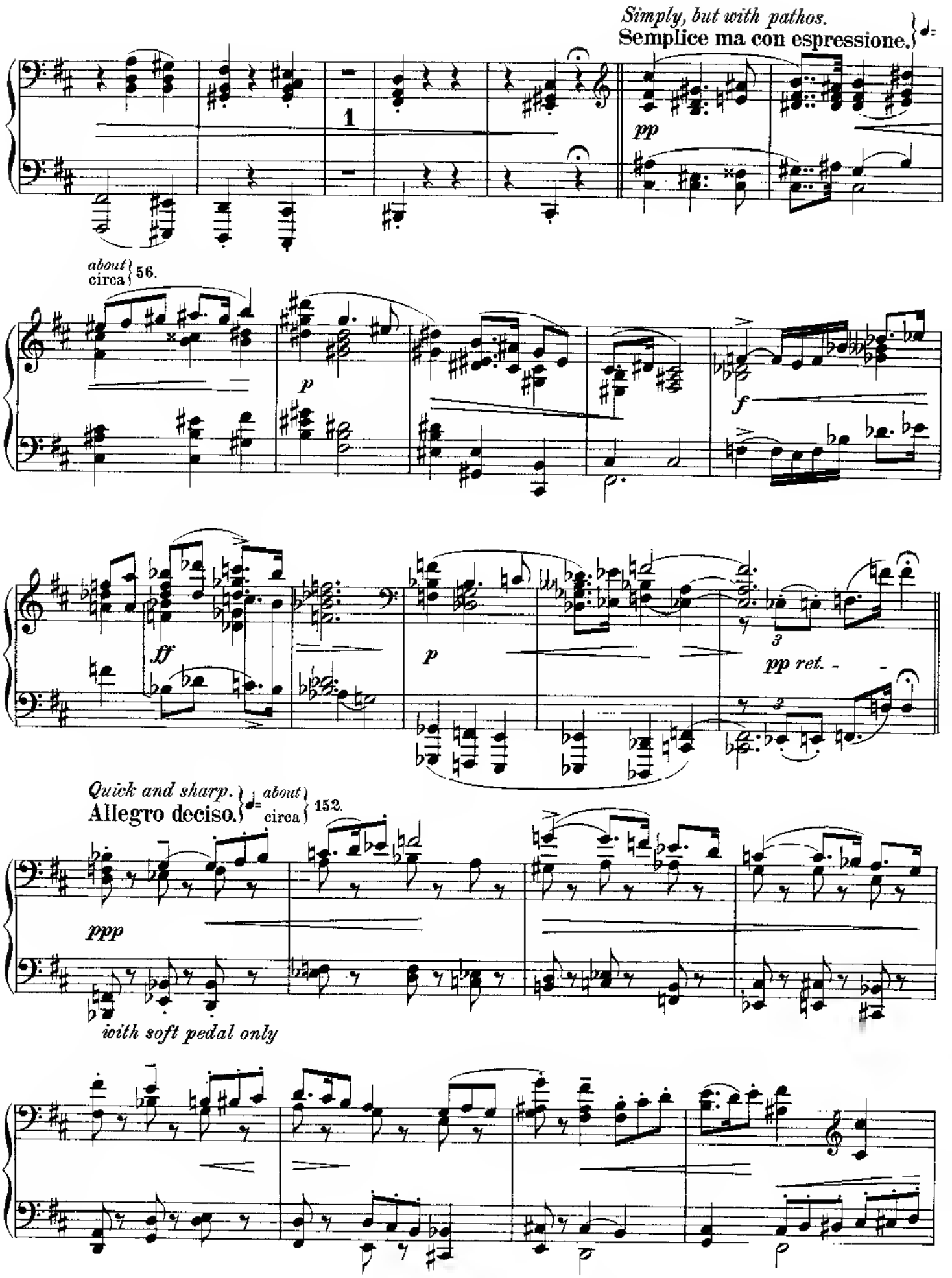


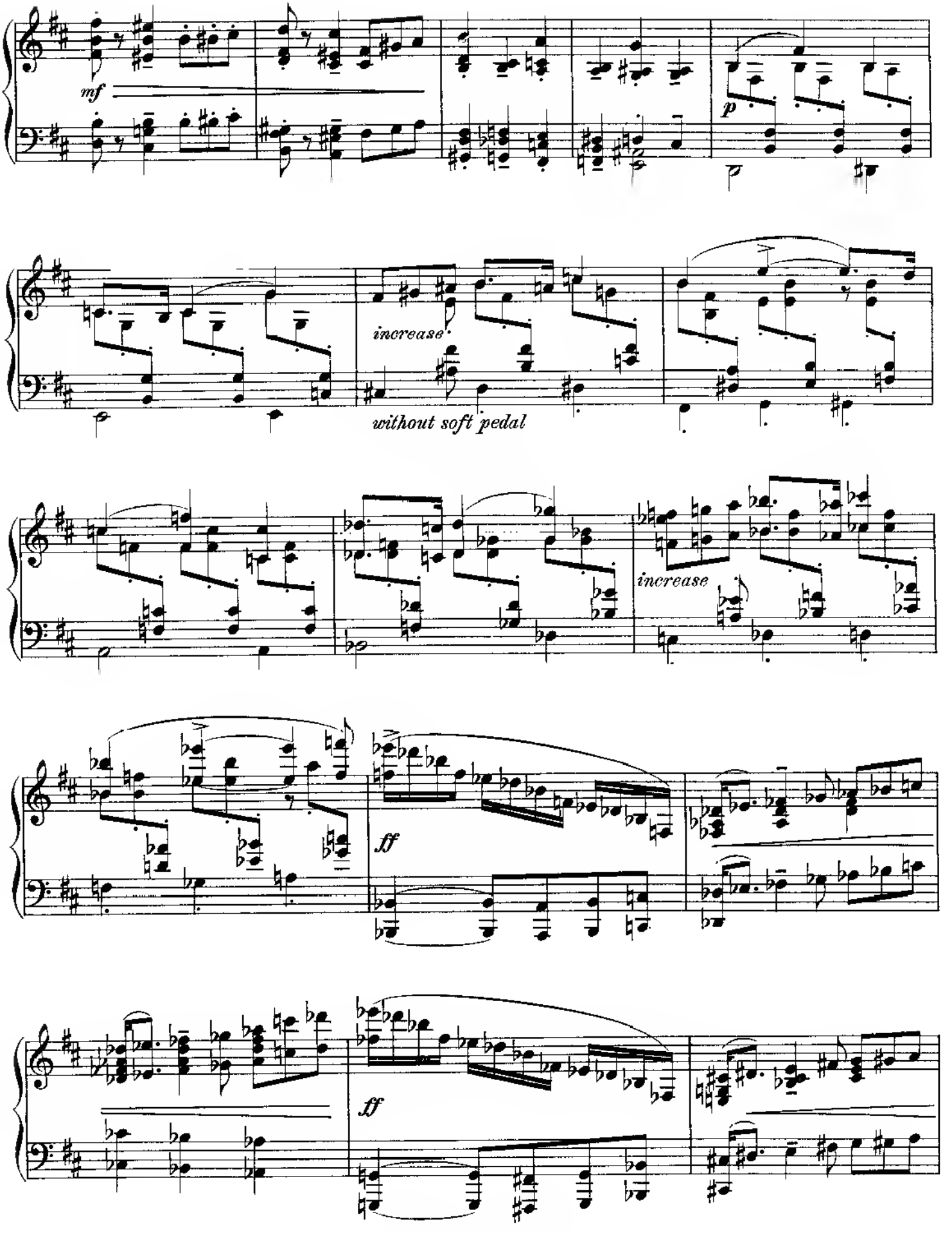

mf
pp
ret.
pp
ret.
pp
p
p
lightly

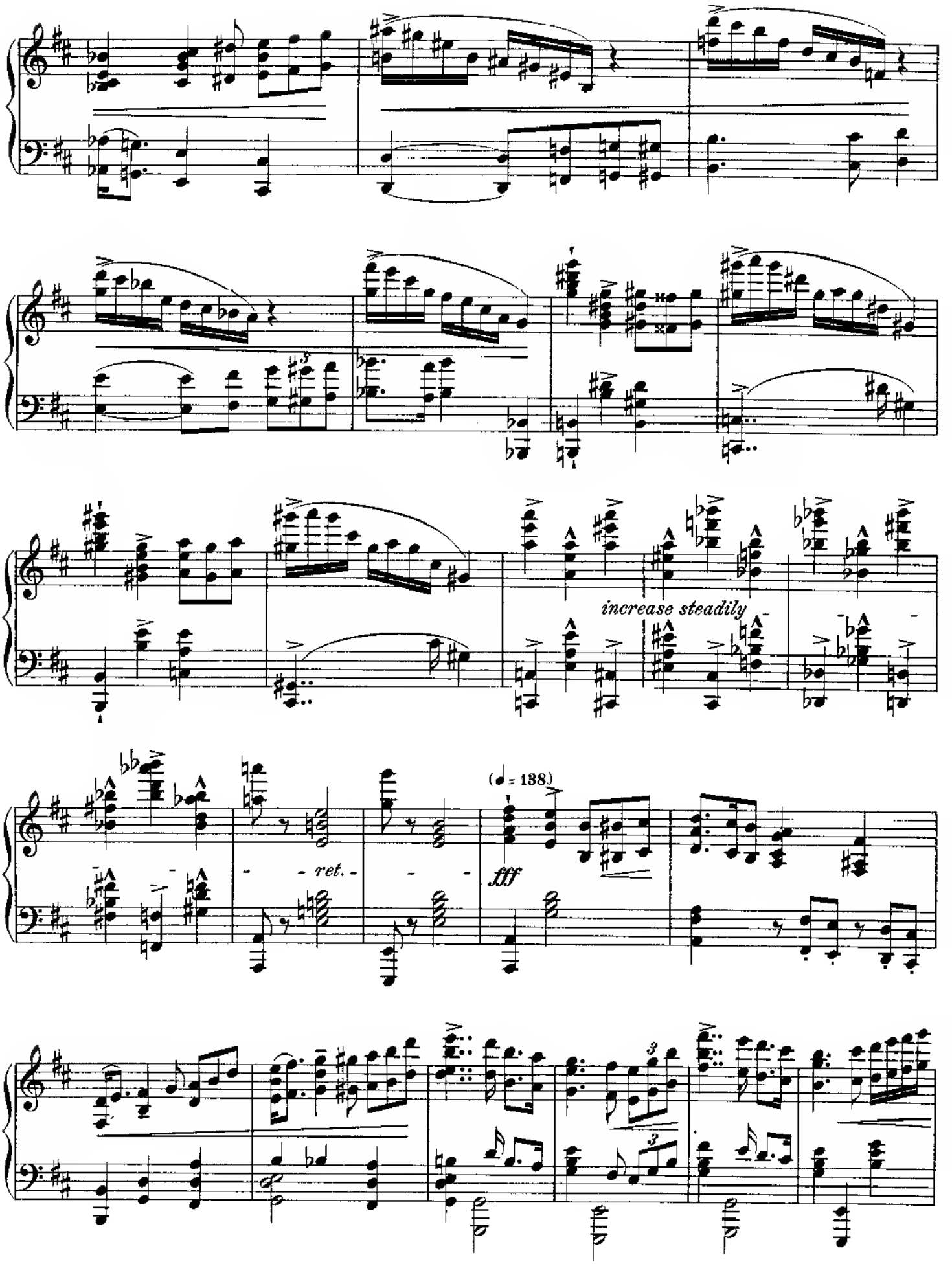

8
ff
8
bass very marked

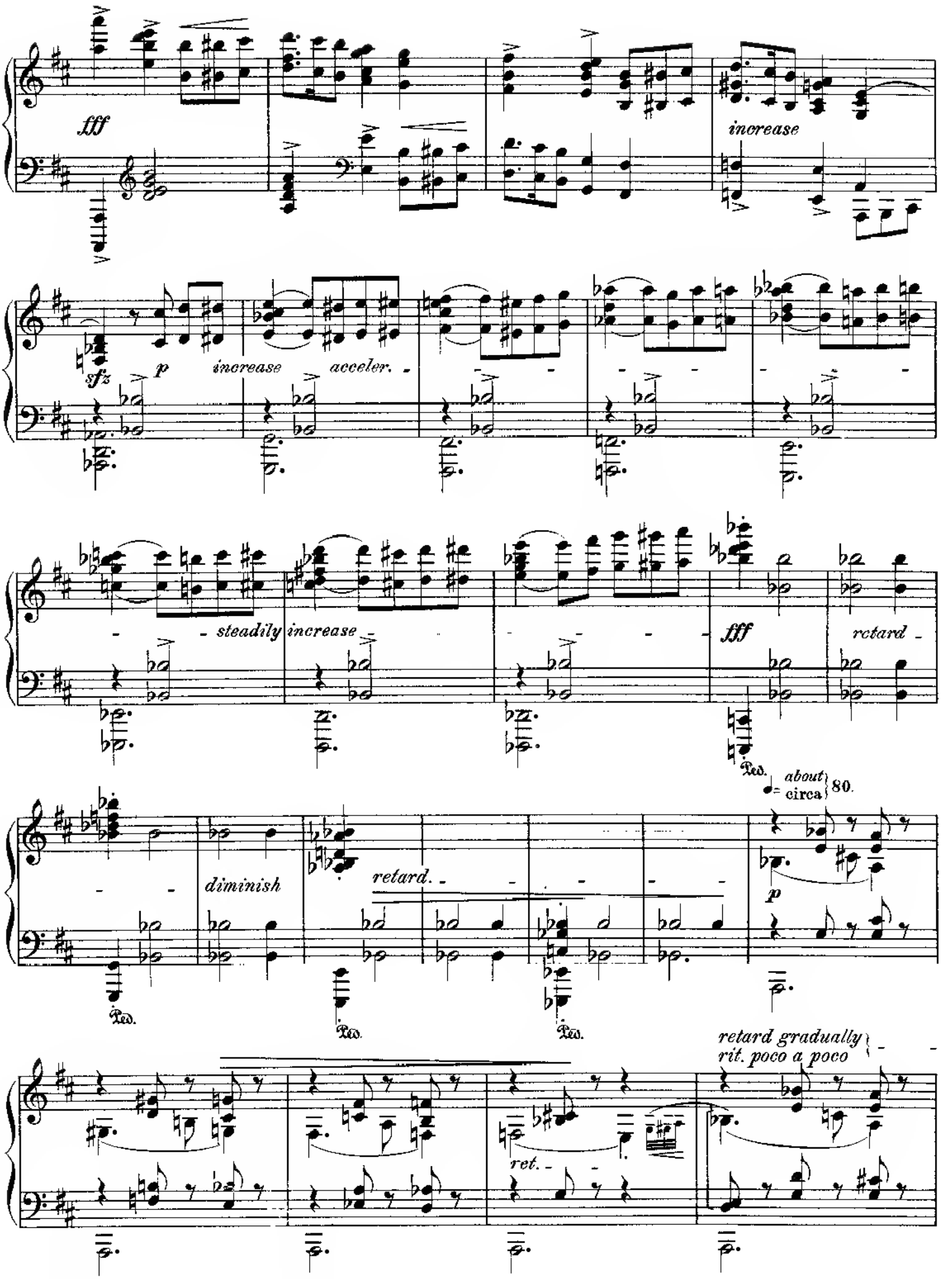

8
p
increase
ff
8
3
f
p
f

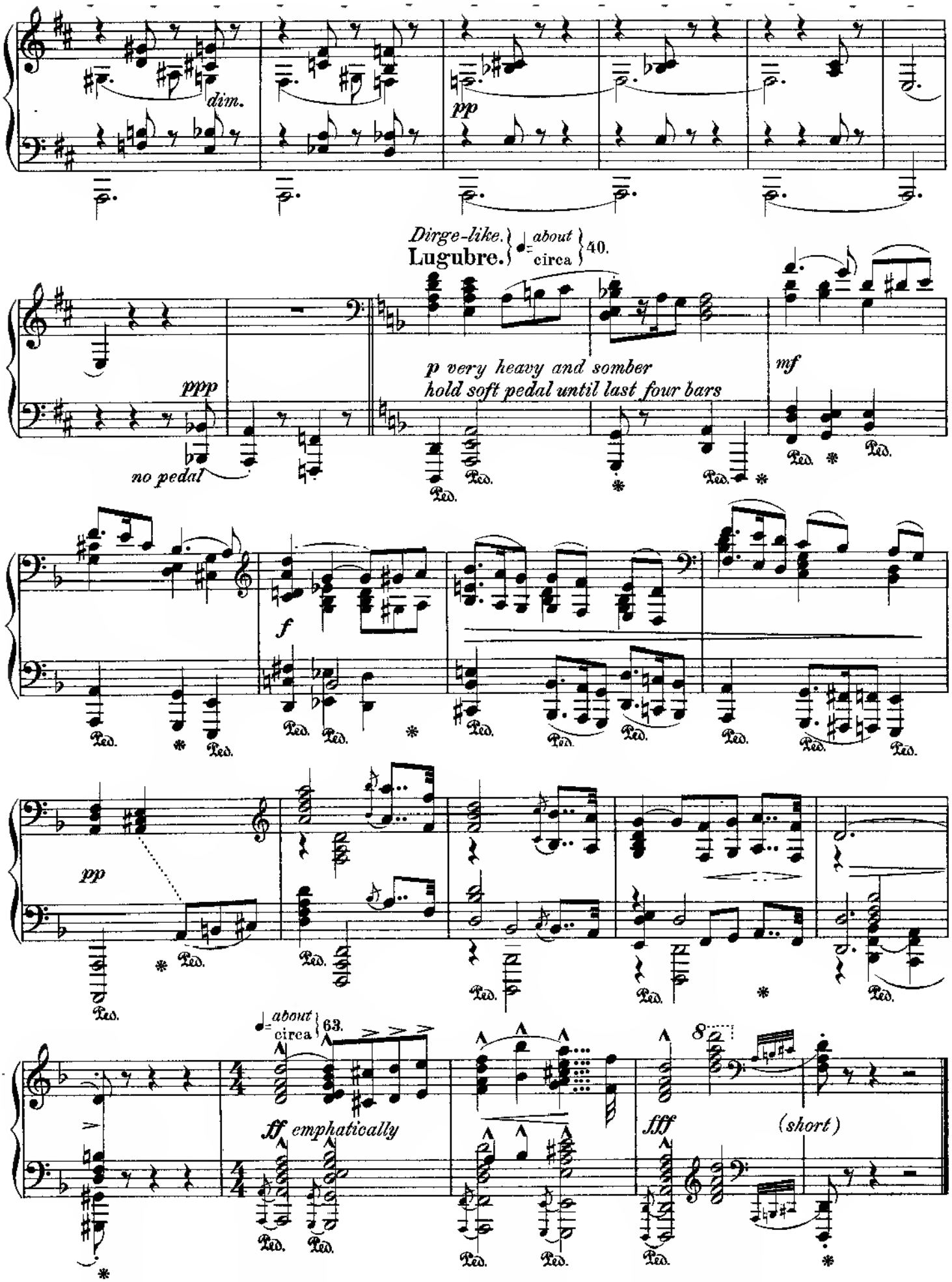

ff
fff
7
6
p


Simply, but with pathos.
Semplice ma con espressione.
1
pp
about
circa
56.
p
f
ff
p
3
pp ret.
Quick and sharp.
Allegro deciso.
about
circa
152.
ppp
with soft pedal only


mf
p
increase
without soft pedal
increase
ff
ff


increase steadily
- ret. -
(♩= 138)
fff


fff
increase
sfz
p
increase
acceler.
steadily increase
fff
retard
Ped.
about
circa
80.
diminish
retard.
p
retard gradually
rit. poco a poco
ret.


dim.
pp
Dirge-like.
Lugubre.
♩= about circa 40.
ppp
no pedal
p very heavy and somber
hold soft pedal until last four bars
mf
Ped.
f
pp
♩= about circa 63.
ff emphatically
fff
(short)